

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 318

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth upon his promotion from Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory to Executive Vice President for Laboratory Operations at Battelle.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth, who was recently promoted to Executive Vice President for Laboratory Operations at Battelle; he has served with distinction as Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory since August 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wadsworth has long served with acumen and alacrity as a scientist and administrator; upon his arrival at Oak Ridge four years ago, he quickly established a rapport with the Oak Ridge community, working to improve the community's schools and economy; and

WHEREAS, during Jeffrey Wadsworth's fruitful tenure, ORNL's Spallation Neutron Source was completed, bringing nearly 400 million dollars in procurements to the State of Tennessee; with the Spallation Neutron Source and the improved High Flux Isotope Reactor, Tennessee will soon be the world's center for neutron science; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, ORNL's Nanoscience Center was completed and is already the destination of choice for the world's leading researchers in nanotechnology; and

WHEREAS, ORNL's success with the SNS construction project, completed under Dr. Wadsworth's direction, led to the location of the U.S. ITER fusion project office in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, also under Dr. Wadsworth's leadership, ORNL's national security portfolio has tripled, and the Department of Energy selected ORNL as home of its Leadership Computing Facility, which houses the most powerful supercomputer in the world for open science; in

addition, the technologies, expertise, and facilities of Oak Ridge National Laboratory have been applied to marketplace opportunities, including the establishment of the Oak Ridge Science and Technology Park on the ORNL campus; and

WHEREAS, ORNL is partnering with the State and the University of Tennessee to establish four joint institutes in the computational, biological, neutron, and materials sciences; Dr. Wadsworth's unswerving commitment to a strong partnership between the University of Tennessee and ORNL has been a catalyst for the recruitment of the world's most talented scientists; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wadsworth has continued a 350 million dollar modernizing campaign and worked diligently to make ORNL's capabilities more accessible to Tennessee's schools and businesses, and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wadsworth has encouraged growth in ORNL's biology programs that are geared toward energy production, such as biofuels, and he has positioned them to grow in partnership with the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a friend and supporter of education in his community, Dr. Wadsworth has worked tirelessly as a member of the Endowment Campaign for the Oak Ridge Public Schools Education Foundation; as President of UT-Battelle, he has actively initiated and supported the campaign to renovate Oak Ridge High School, transforming one of the State's top schools into a showpiece for the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to local initiatives, ORNL has consistently contributed to charitable causes such as United Way and Hurricane Katrina relief; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wadsworth also lends his professional talents to such notable organizations as the National Academy of Engineering and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; he is the author of more than 280 papers in the open scientific literature and has presented more than 300 discussions around the world on scientific subjects; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jerre McCulley, and their two children, Emma and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Wadsworth for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, commend him upon his exemplary career as Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory even as we congratulate him on his promotion to Executive Vice President for Laboratory Operations at Battelle, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.